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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

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Slavomíra Filipová	Slovakia
Lin Shangzhen	China
Kissem Walla Tchangai	Togo
Ludmila N. Zavadskaya	Russian Federation

2. Biographical data concerning the above-mentioned candidates, as furnished by their Governments, is annexed hereto.

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Annex

SLAVOMÍRA FILIPOVÁ

Personal information:

Title:	Assistant professor, MD., Ph.D.
Date of birth:	18 June 1953
Place of birth:	Bratislava (Slovakia)
Nationality:	Slovak
Present position:	Assistant professor of internal medicine

Education:

University:

1971-1977	Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava
1977	Graduation from University as paediatrician

Postgraduate training:

1978-1979	Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, Prague
1978-1982	Academic and scientific postgraduate study (cardiovascular patho-physiology)
1983-1986	Licence and board certification in internal medicine
1986-1990	Licence and certification in clinical cardiology
1992	Postgraduate electrocardiogram seminar: arrhythmia, Vienna (Prof. Steinbach)

Academic graduation:

1983	Graduation (Ph.D.) in normal and pathological physiology
1989	Assistant professor of internal medicine

Foreign languages: English, Russian

Employment record:

1977	Appointed junior registrar, Department of Clinical Patho-physiology, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava

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1977-1980	Junior registrar
1980-1983	Senior registrar
1984-1989	Senior registrar, Department of Internal Medicine IV, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava
Since 1989	Assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine IV, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, teaching medical students (lectures and seminars in internal medicine and cardiology)
	Head of students' national and international scientific activities
	Head of scientific projects in clinical cardiology and non-invasive electrocardiology

Non-academic professional activities:

Since 1984	Teaching in the Postgraduate Medical School (Bratislava): education for physicians before certification in cardiology and internal medicine
Since 1990	Teaching in the Postgraduate Institute for Nurses (Bratislava): postgraduate education and training for nurses in coronary care units and intensive care units
1980-1988	Advancement of public health and social lectures and seminars for schoolgirls, adolescents and seniors

Committee appointments:

National:

1990-1993	Member of the Committee of the Slovak Society of Cardiology
Since 1993	General Secretary of the Slovak Society of Cardiology
International:	Member of the Working Group of the International Council on Electrocardiology

Professional societies:

National:

1990-1993	Member of the Committee of the Slovak Society of Cardiology
Since 1993	General Secretary of the Slovak Society of Cardiology

International: Member of the Working Group of the International Council on Electrocardiology

Scientific publications and presentations:

Published articles (1978-1993):

Author of 95 published articles and book chapters in monographs and handbooks (53 in Czecho-Slovak and 42 in international journals and books).

Scientific presentation which she has made to national and international forums (at 60 national and 24 international meetings and congresses).

LIN SHANGZHEN

Born: Shanghai, China, 1930

Graduated: BA, Department of Literature, University of Shanghai, July 1951. After graduation, she was engaged in teaching for a few years and has remained active in women's issues to this day.

Since 1953, worked in the International Liaison Department of the All-China Women's Federation (ACWF) and has held responsible posts in the Department throughout the years. She was a member of the Executive Committee of ACWF from 1988 to 1993.

In the 1950s and 1960s, sent by ACWF to work with the secretariat of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF) for different periods of time and participated in many meetings of the leading bodies of WIDF, such as its congresses, bureau and council meetings. In 1964, she attended the All-African Women's Conference, held in Monrovia.

Since the 1970s, she has participated in a number of meetings within the United Nations system, such as the Economic and Social Council (1972), the twenty-fifth (1974), twenty-eighth (1980), thirtieth (1984), thirty-third (1989) and thirty-fifth (1991) sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the United Nations World Conference of the International Women's Year in Mexico City (1975), the Asian-Pacific Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (1989), the Workshop organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (1980), the Latin American regional conference of the International Federation of University Women (1981), the Asian-Pacific Regional Preparatory Conference (1984) for the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (1985), the World Conference on Education for All (1990), the commemorative seminar on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1990) and the 1990 session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) (1985-1988), and a council member of the China Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (1989-1991).

She has been on or head of quite a number of delegations to countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and America to study issues affecting women and children.

KISSEM WALLA TCHANGAI

Civil status:

Name and first names: Dr. Kissem WALLA, wife of TCHANGAI

Date and place of birth: 21 June 1948, Yade (Kozah prefecture)

Family status: Married with three children

Academic background:

Certificat d'étude primaire (Certificate of primary education)	1962
Brevet élementaire du premier cycle (Elementary certificate, first cycle)	1967
Probatoire (first part of baccalauréat) série D	1969
Baccalauréat série D (School-leaving certificate)	1970
Start of medical studies at the University of Dakar	1970
Enrolment for certificat d'étude supérieur (certificate of higher education) in Dermatology-Venereology, University of Marseilles	1978
Defence of thesis for Doctorat d'Etat, University of Dakar, mention très honorable (with distinction), félicitations du Jury (highly commended), nominated for thesis prize	1979
Concours national de Paris (national competitive exam) for certificat d'étude supérieur, in Dermatology-Venereology	
Passed Concours d'agrégation (competitive exam for teachers)	1986

Professional situation and activities:

Togolese Civil Service, Ministry of Public Health	1979
Appointed Chief Physician of the Dermatology-Venereology Service, Lomé	
Appointed Assistant Chief of the Dermatology-Venereology Clinic at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Benin	1980

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Elected to the post of Under-Secretary-General of the African Union against Venereal Diseases and Treponematosis	1983
Congress of the Pan-African Women's Organization (Algeria)	1983
Training Workshop on the methodology of health sciences instruction, WHO, Lomé	1984
International Seminar on human fertility and sexually transmitted diseases (STD), Franceville, Gabon	1984
International Court on STD, WHO, Paris	1984
Training Workshop on applied research methodology in health sciences, WHO, Lomé	1985
World Congress on Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Paris	1986
Foreign corresponding member of the Société de dermatologie et syphiligraphie	1986
Member of the "Médecins du Monde" association	1987
Participation in the preparation of the national programme for AIDS control	1990
Participation in the preparation of the national programme for STD control	
Participation in the workshop/seminar on the planning and administration of programmes for AIDS/STD control, WHO, Yaoundé, June	1992
Participation in the first international French-language course on the planning and organization of STD/AIDS control in developing countries, Dakar, September	1992
Participation in the epidemiology course for district health personnel, WHO, Lomé, October-November	1992
National officer for the STD/AIDS Technical Subcommittee	

Extraprofessional activities:

Member of CEDAW	1988

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Vice-President of the National Women's Union of Togo 1987-1992

Works:

Scientific works:

Publication of works on sexually transmitted diseases in Médecine d'Afrique Noire, Afrique Médicale and Société Médicale de Côte d'Ivoire

Publication of works on nutritional and other dermatoses in Médecine d'Afrique Noire, Afrique Médicale and Société Médicale de Côte d'Ivoire

Statements on AIDS and ethics at the Paris Regional AIDS Conference and at Athens (Onassis Prize)

General works:

Statement on girls' education at the National Conference of the Women's Union of Togo

Preparation and working document on "maternity-linked health problems"

A number of publications and lectures on African women

LUDMILA N. ZAVADSKAYA

Date of birth:	21 May 1949
Place of birth:	Ramenskoye City, Moscow region
Nationality:	Russian
Sex:	Female
Marital status:	Married
Employment:	Federal Assembly of Russian Federation, member of the State Duma (Lower Chamber of Parliament, 1994)
Past employment:	
1992-1993	Head, Theory and Sociology of Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation
1974-1993	Senior Research Fellow, Theory and Sociology of Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Academy of Sciences. Principal areas of research: civil procedure, sociology of law, law enforcement and implementation, rule-of-law state, human rights
1969-1974	Analyst, All-Union Juridical Institute, Moscow
1974-1984	Adjunct Professor, All-Union Juridical Institute, Moscow
1982-1983	Adjunct Professor, Institute of International Affairs, Moscow
Education:	
1979	LLD, Institute of State and Law, USSR Academy of Sciences, Moscow
1973	LLM, All-Union Juridical Institute
1971	JD, All-Union Juridical Institute
Affiliations:	
1993-present	**Presidential Commission on Family, Motherhood and Childhood Protection, expert**
1992	Constitutional Assembly, participant
October 1992	Parliamentary hearings on compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation

1991-present	Union of Women of Russia, member
1991-present	European Network for Women's Studies, member
1989-present	Global Education Associates, New York, N.Y., United States of America, associate
1985-1991	Moscow Peace Committee, Board member
1984-1991	Soviet-American Relations Public Commission, Soviet Women's Committee, member
1984-1990	Soviet Association of Lawyers (SAL), member
1984-1988	Committee of Youth Organizations, consultant
1986-1988	People's Judge, Court of Kiev region, Moscow

International conferences and meetings:

1991	Participant, Soviet delegation, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), parallel activities, Moscow
1987	Consultant, Soviet delegation, International Women's Congress, Moscow
October 1990	Panelist, International Conference on Rule-of-Law State and Economic Development, Beijing, China
1990	Participant, Soviet delegation, CSCE, parallel activities, Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected publications:

Implementation of Court decisions, Moscow, Nauka, 1982

Mechanism of law enforcement, Moscow, Nauka, 1992

Socialist legal system, vol. 2 "Functions and Development", co-author, Moscow, Nauka, 1987

Socialist Concept of Personal Rights, co-author, Moscow, Nauka, 1986

Democracy and legal status of the person in developed socialism, co-author, Moscow, Nauka, 1985

and more than 30 articles and commentaries in various Soviet and Russian professional journals.

Foreign language proficiency:

English - fair

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Justice Desirée P. Bernard - Guyana

2. Biographical data concerning the above-mentioned candidate, as furnished by her Government, is annexed hereto.

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Desirée Patricia Bernard

Date of birth: 2 March 1939

Nationality: Guyanese

Marital status: Single

Professional qualifications and experience

Bachelor of Laws Degree, University of London (LL.B) (Hons.)

Practised as a solicitor in the High Court of the Supreme Court of Guyana, 1964-1980

Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in England in 1977

Appointed to act as a magistrate in juvenile and maintenance courts, 1970

Appointed first woman judge of the High Court of the Supreme Court of Guyana, 1 October 1980

Appointed Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public, 1976

Appointed first woman judge of the Court of Appeal of Guyana, May 1992. At present the only woman holding such a position in the Caribbean

Membership in organizations and committees

A. National

Elected Treasurer of Business and Professional Women's Club of Guyana, 1966

Elected Charter President of the Georgetown Toastmistress Club, 1967, and served until 1972

Elected Secretary of the Guyana Law Society, 1968, and elected President of the Society, 1972

Elected to the Committee of the Georgetown Twining Association, 1970 to promote twining with the city of Ottawa, Canada

Founder member of Guyana Consumers' Association

Member of the Council of the University of Guyana since 1971

Founder member of the Conference on the Affairs and Status of Women in Guyana

Appointed member of the Adoption Board of Guyana, 1972, and later served as Deputy Chairman for several years

Member of the Legal Practitioners' Committee of Guyana, which is responsible for discipline of legal practitioners, 1972-1979

Member of the Board of Directors of the Guyana Legal Aid Clinic

Member of Guyana Labour Code Commission, 1975-1980

Appointed member of the Income Tax Board of Review, 1976

First President of the Guyana Association of Women Lawyers; held this post for two years

Appointed Chairman of the Legislation Committee of the Guyana Commission for the International Year of the Child, 1979

Only female member of the Judicial Service Commission of Guyana since 1982

Elected President of the All-Guyana Netball Association, 1987

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Guyana Girl Guides Association

Appointed first woman Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Guyana, and first in the Province of the West Indies

B. Regional

First Secretary of Caribbean Women's Association, 1970-1974; at present serving as a resource person

Member of the Caribbean Council of Legal Education, 1970-1980

Elected first and only female President of the Organisation of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations, 1976; made Honorary Life Member, 1980

Served as member and Chairman of the Caribbean Steering Committee for Women's Affairs, 1978 (later established as the Women and Development Unit of the University of the West Indies)

Member of the Caribbean Task Force on Abortion, 1978

C. International

Honorary member of the Canadian Bar Association, 1976-1978

Member and Country Vice-President of the International Federation of Women Lawyers

Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1982-1992; served as Rapporteur, 1982-1984 and as chairperson, 1985-1989

Member of the Commonwealth Lawyers' Association

Member of the International Association of Women Judges

Outstanding achievements

Gave voluntary service to the Guyana Legal Aid Centre, 1975-1980

Was appointed Chairman of a Committee established by the President of Guyana in 1981 to examine all laws with a view to abolishing discrimination against women and against children born out of wedlock. As a result of recommendations, several discriminatory laws against women were abolished and the Bastardy Act repealed. A new Act was passed granting children born out of wedlock equal status with children born in wedlock. The Equal Rights Act was passed, as well as the Act giving some proprietary rights to women living in common law relationships

Has written several articles and delivered papers and lectures on the legal rights of women and children

Attended Ninth Commonwealth Law Conference in Auckland, New Zealand and presented a keynote paper on violence and the family as well as a paper on the domestic application of international human rights norms as it affects women

In 1991, presented paper on the effect of the common law on Caribbean jurisprudence in Tortola, British Virgin Islands, to celebrate twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Caribbean Council of Legal Education

Awards

Awarded the Cacique Crown of Honour, the third highest national award of Guyana, for outstanding service in the improvement of the status of women

Received award from the Women's Unit of the University of Guyana for outstanding contribution in the field of law

Awarded medal of service from the Caribbean Women's Association

Received award from the University of the West Indies Guild of Graduates, New York chapter, in November 1992 for commitment to the rights of women and children and dedication to scholarship and Caribbean jurisprudence

Other information

Attended Conference of Women Lawyers of the Caribbean and Latin America held in Airlie, Virginia, United States of America, 1975

Attended International Women's Year Conference, Mexico, 1975

Attended Fifth Commonwealth Law Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, as President of the Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations, 1977

Attended annual conference of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, Santa Fe, New Mexico, United States of America, 1979

Attended mid-Decade Women's Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1980, as a resource person for the non-governmental forum

Attended end-of-Decade World Conference for Women, Nairobi, Kenya, to present the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as its contribution to the World Conference

Visited Japan in 1988 as Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and met with women's groups and members of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Women's Affairs

Visited China at the invitation of the All China Women's Federation

Resource person of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Secretariat and, as such, attended the regional seminar held in Antigua in April 1992 to sensitize government officials responsible for women's affairs about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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